

ULYSSES S. GRANT

1869 - 1877



Ulysses S. Grant was born in 1822 in Point Pleasant, Ohio. At age 17, he was appointed to West Point and graduated in 1843. He resigned from the Army in 1854, after serving in the Mexican War. When the Civil War broke out, he sought a commission and was made a Brigadier General.

Julia Dent Grant was born in 1826 and grew up on a plantation near St. Louis. She met Ulysses Grant at her home, where he was welcomed by her family as a West Point classmate of her brother. They were married in 1848 and had four children.



President Ulysses Grant's successes in the Civil War brought him national fame and at the war's end, he was made a full general. He was elected President in 1868 and served two terms. During his administration, the Amnesty Bill restored civil rights to all persons in the South except the Confederate leaders. In 1872, he defeated Democrat Horace Greeley, but graft scandals in 1873 created difficulties in his second term. After leaving office, he toured Europe and worked on his "personal memoirs." He died in 1885.

Julia Grant rejoiced in her husband's fame as a victorious general. She felt her time in the White House was the "happiest period" of her life. During their trip around the world after leaving the White House, they received many magnificent gifts. In a business failure in 1884, they lost everything, but Grant's memoirs brought enough to enable her to live in comfort after his death. Julia died in 1902.

Arizona Timeline

- 1871 - Camp Beale's Springs, Mohave County is commissioned and serves as a temporary reservation for the Hualapai Indians.
- 1872 - General Crook mounts a concentrated effort to defeat the central Arizona Apache and Yavapai tribes.
- 1874 - Patent issued to Judge John T. Alsap by President Grant for the original Phoenix townsite, 320 acres costing \$550 per acre, including expenses.
- 1876 - As of October, 2,000 mines had been located and recorded in Mohave County. Mineral Park had grown to a population of about 200.
- 1877 - Territorial capitol moves from Tucson back to Prescott. Silver discovered at Tombstone.